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For: CORROSION RESISTANT, HIGH STRENGTH ALLOY
AND A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find copies of documents to be considered by the Examiner during examination of the above-identified application. These documents include, but are not limited to, documents cited in the specification of the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted the first business day subsequent to three months after the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

As an additional reason as to why requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are

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satisfied, this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application.

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that the following provides the necessary showing that requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied. That is, a full English translation is provided of the article by Takaki, "Reversion of Deformation Induced Martensite to Austenite and Mechanism of Ultra Grain Refining". Moreover, English abstracts are provided for Japanese Patent Document Nos. 8-337853, 10-195502 and the article by Ameyama, "Room Temperature Recrystallization and Ultra Fine Grain Refinement of an SUS316L Stainless Steel by High Strain Powder Metallurgy Process", pages 357-362. A full English translation is provided for the article by Kimura, et al., "Production of ODS Ferritic Stainless Steel With Ultra Fine Grain Structure", Abstract of the Proceedings of 1998 General Meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute of Japan, vol. 11, page 563 (1998). The following are discussed in Applicants' specification, on pages 3-6:

- (1) Tetsu-to-Hagane, The Iron and Steel Institute of Japan, vol. 80, pages N529-N535 (1994);
- (2) Bulletin of Japan Institute of Metals, vol. 27, no. 5 (1988), pages 400-402;
- (3) JP-A-8-337853;
- (4) JP-A-10-195502;

- (5) Tetsu-to-Hagane, The Iron and Steel Institute of Japan, vol. 84 (1998), pages 357-62; and
- (6) Abstract of the Proceedings of 1998 General Meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute of Japan, vol. 11, page 563.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with all documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.41255X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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